



## Child Abuse and Neglect State Prevention Plan

Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

Dear Friends and Partners,

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vulnerable families  
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Emily van Schenkhoef  
CTF Executive Director

I truly believe that 2026 will be one of the biggest years in the history of Children's Trust Fund. After years of working to build a home visiting system, we began administering the majority of the state's evidence-based home visiting funding at the beginning of the fiscal year.

We worked to make this a reality because we believe we are uniquely positioned to take home visiting to a level never seen before in Missouri. **Our goal is to have the best home visiting system in the nation.** We want to scale home visiting services to a point where we are able to see population impacts on child abuse and neglect and maternal and child health.

Equally important, we want to honor the agencies that do this work by continuously adapting our processes so that everything we do is rooted in their needs. To put it simply, **we want to make it easier for home visiting agencies and home visitors to do their jobs.** Our work is in service to these agencies and the families they serve.

We hold ourselves to high standards because our mission requires it. When we do our job well, community-based organizations have what they need to provide high-quality services to vulnerable families. **Supporting vulnerable families can change and save the lives of children.**

The following state plan reflects our priorities for 2026; please reach out if you want to help or if you have concerns or questions. **I do not shy away from feedback and believe we can only grow through continual adaptation focused on excellence.**





Since 1983, the Missouri Children's Trust Fund has allocated **\$107 million** to prevention programs in Missouri communities.



## Our Funding Fiscal Year 2026

### CTF Prevention Funding \$20,997,082

Home Visiting:  
\$12,671,660

Child Care Exchange  
\$2,500,000

Home Visiting Outcomes Rate Card:  
\$1,000,000

Home Visiting Collective Impact:  
\$945,065

Child Care Planning:  
\$873,000

Sexual Abuse Prevention:  
\$801,060

Responsive Funding Grants:  
\$463,612

Public Education & Mini-Grants:  
\$399,085

& More!

## Strategic Initiatives in Fiscal Year 2026 include:

### Prioritized Programming Focus for Greater Impact

- Integrate and stabilize home visiting funding transferred from DESE
- Release and award funding for youth with problematic sexual behaviors system change
- Launch 'In Lieu of Services' Medicaid home visiting funding

### Strengthened Grant-Making

- Engage in listening sessions and strategic planning for home visiting programs
- Identify CTF goals for parent engagement and develop FY27 plan for the state parent advisory council, now managed by CTF

### Targeted Public Information

- Develop home visiting materials to align with messaging and branding of CTF's statewide home visiting referral system (CRIS)
- Refine and expand CSA campaign strategy

### Policy Advocacy for Systems Change

- Work with Children's Division and the General Assembly to implement at least one policy or systems change to support prevention

### Developing/Growing Organizational Resources (Capacity Building)

- Hire, onboard and train six new team members
- Develop, plan and secure necessary funding for new office space

CTF strives for excellence in all we do. If you have feedback, suggestions or input, please let me know.



Thank you,

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